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EP 0 679 513 corresponds to U.S. patent No. 5,738,015.

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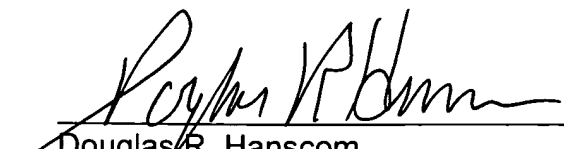
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